

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce cultivar, or a part thereof, wherein said iceberg lettuce cultivar has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 1 having a spatulate leaf shape.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 1, further comprising a blanched inner leaf color, ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 1, further comprising a semi-open head.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 1, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 8. (Original) A method of producing an iceberg lettuce having a first outer leaf with a length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 2.7 comprising: a) crossing an iceberg lettuce with a romaine lettuce to produce hybrid seed; b) growing said hybrid seed to produce a hybrid plant; c) selfing said hybrid seed to produce F₂ progeny seed; d) growing said F₂ progeny seed to produce F₂ plants; and e) selecting said F₂ plants for expression of one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio greater than 1.0, spatulate leaf shape, semi-open head, and elliptical stature, resistance to corky root rot, resistance to lettuce mosaic virus, and plant height.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising: f) crossing said selected plant with itself or another lettuce plant to yield iceberg lettuce progeny seed; g) growing said progeny seed of step (f) under plant growth conditions to yield progeny plants; and h) repeating the crossing and growing steps of (f) and (g) from 0 to 7 times to generate further iceberg lettuce plants which express one or more of the following characteristics selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio greater than 1.0, spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, semi-open head, resistance to corky root rot, resistance to lettuce mosaic virus and plant height.

Claims 10 to 37. (Canceled)

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A seed of an iceberg lettuce cultivar plant of claim 1, wherein said seed is from a *Lactuca sativa* line selected from the group consisting of PSR 6425; PSR 6595; and PSR 6032 (American type Culture Collection under accession number PTA-3248).

Claim 39. (Previously Presented) A *Lactuca sativa* L. plant, or a part thereof, produced by growing the seed of claim 38.

Claim 40. (Previously Presented) A *Lactuca sativa* L. plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the *Lactuca sativa* L. plant of claim 39.

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) An F₁ hybrid *Lactuca sativa* L. plant, or a part thereof, having as one or more parents a *Lactuca sativa* L. plant ~~of claim 39~~ produced by growing a *Lactuca sativa* line selected from the group consisting of PSR 6425; PSR 6595; and PSR 6032 (American type Culture Collection under accession number PTA-3248).

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) A seed produced by growing the hybrid plant of claim 41.

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce plant cultivar, or a part thereof, wherein at least one ancestor of said iceberg lettuce plant is the *Lactuca sativa* L. lettuce plant of claim 39 and wherein said iceberg lettuce plant expresses at least one trait ~~of the following traits~~ selected from the group consisting of spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature and length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8.

Claim 44. (Currently Amended) The F₁ hybrid ~~cultivar~~ plant of claim 41, wherein said one or more parents is PSR 6425.

Claim 45. (Currently Amended) The F₁ hybrid ~~cultivar~~ plant of claim 44 expressing a combination of at least two traits selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8, spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, semi-open head formation, resistance to corky root rot and resistance to lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 5, further comprising a semi-open head.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 5, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 48. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce ~~cultivar~~ or a part thereof produced by the method of claim 8 wherein said iceberg lettuce ~~cultivar~~ comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS146B.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce plant, or a part thereof, according to claim 43, wherein said plant has a spatulate leaf shape, an elliptical stature and a leaf length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The F₁ hybrid plant of claim 45 having a leaf length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8, a spatulate leaf shape, a semi-open head, and resistance to lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48 having a spatulate leaf shape.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48 having an elliptical stature.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising a blanched inner leaf color, ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising a semi-open head.

Claim 55. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root rot and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 56. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce ~~cultivar~~ or a part thereof produced by the method of claim 8 wherein said iceberg lettuce ~~cultivar~~ comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7, a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS146B, a semi-open head, and resistance to a disease selected from the group consisting of corky root rot and lettuce mosaic virus.